

REMARKS

Applicant has not amended any of the claims in this office action response. Applicant has withdrawn claims 6, 7, 13, 17, 18, 24, 26 in response to the examiner's office action. Claims 1, 3—5, 8—12, 14—16, 19—23, 25, 27—52 are elected to be examined, for a total of 44 claims. Independent claims that have been elected are claims 1, 11, 12 and 20. This amendment contains no new matter. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Election of Species

Applicant elects Species G as identified by the examiner to be examined. The examiner identified the embodiment shown in Figure 7 as constituting species G.

Applicant believes claims 1, 3—5, 8—12, 14—16, 19—23, 25, 27—52 read upon Species G.

The examiner has stated that there do not appear to be any generic claims. Applicants believe elected, independent claims 1, 11, 12 and 20 are generic, and should they be allowed in the current form, Applicant requests that any withdrawn dependent claims be examined, as well as any claims that include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the claims remaining in the application are in condition for allowance and allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.

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